

City of Reading Human Relations Commission

May 27, 2009

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

William Giddens, Chair  
Kathryn Amaker, Vice Chair  
Barbara Coffin, Treasurer  
Hazel Black  
Alicia Snead

Absent:

Lisa Blount

Staff:

Kimberly Talbot

Commission Attorney:

Tonya Butler, Esq.

Guest:

None

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, William Giddens at 5:32PM in the Penn room at City Hall.

Public Comment:

None

**Minutes**

The minutes from April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved by a motion by Alicia Snead and seconded by Hazel Black. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report**

None

David Balmer, Esq., presented the findings of case the Rodriguez case. Four Commissioners voted for no discrimination/ Three Commissioners voted for discrimination.

### **Intake Specialist Report**

A motion was made by Kathryn Amaker to accept the report and seconded by Alicia Snead. Motion carried.

### **Employment and Fair Housing Investigation**

A motion was made by Barbara Coffin and seconded by Kathryn Amaker to accept the report. Motion carried.

### **Administrators Report**

Kimberly Talbot Administrator asked the help of Commissioners to help with the monthly television show hosted on the third Thursday of each month.

Steve Glassman chairman of PHRC will be speaking in front of council regarding adding sexual orientation and gender identity to the HRC ordinance. The meeting will be in Linda Kelleher's office. The meeting is June 1, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

The legal department has said that they will agree to represent the complaint in public hearings ONLY for the fee of \$1000.00. The office will also remain responsible for fees associated with the stenographer/interpreter etc. A motion was made by Barbara Coffin to Seconded by Alicia Snead

### **New Business**

Kimberly Talbot gave a report on improving the Commissions Outreach and Education Dept. She gave an excellent report on what she and staff have been doing as far as the outreach is concerned.

### **Commissioner Training**

Barbara Coffin also suggested checking trainings that are given by the John Marshall Law School.

### **Conferences and Training**

None

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM

### **Next Meeting Date**

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Penn Room at City Hall 5:30PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Hazel C. Black, Acting Secretary